



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Program and Services

Guide

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Mailing Address: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660
Attn: Specific Office

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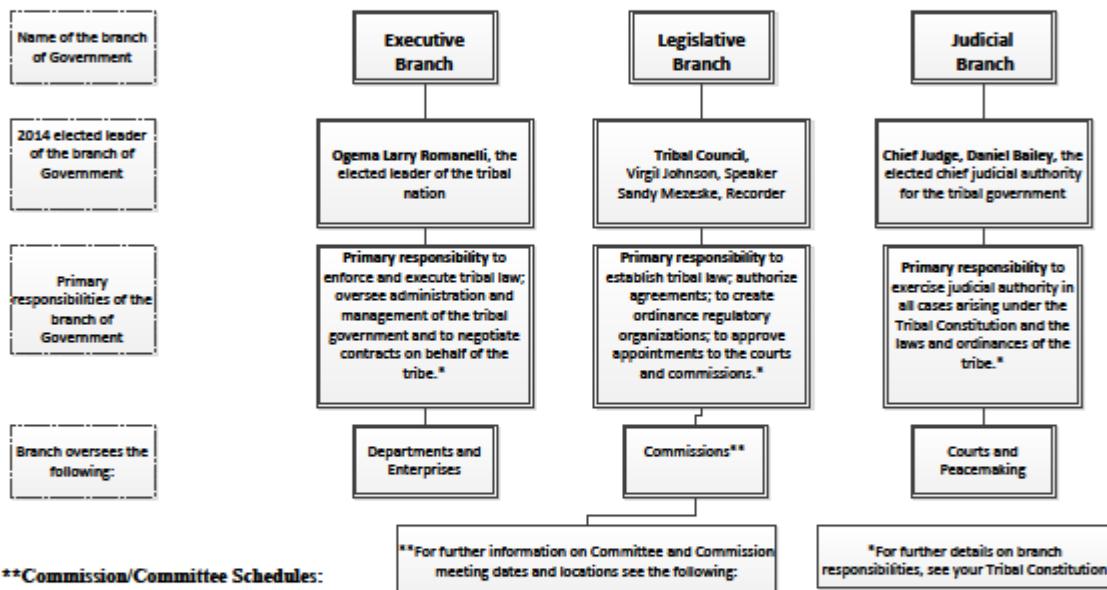
Phone Number and Office Location Information

Main Phone:	(231) 723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288
Phone Directory:	0- Receptionist
1 - Office location and hours of operation	4- Per Capita Information
2- Holiday Office Closures	5- Tribes website address and information
3- General Message	6- Words of the Month
Office Location	Departments/Offices/Information
Aki Community Center 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee 49660	Housing Department, Warrior Society, Elder Meal Program Kitchen Ph:(231) 398-2813
Commodities Casino Warehouse – Dontz Road Manistee MI 49660	Ph: 723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288
Fitness Center 2608 Government Center Drive – Manistee, MI 49660	Ph: 723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288 Ext 6636
Gaming Commission - 2840 Orchard Hwy. Suite A Manistee, MI 49660	Gaming Commission Ph:(231) 723-7755 Fax:(231) 723-7788 Mailing Address P.O. Box 337 Manistee MI 49660
Government Center – 2608 Government Center Drive – Manistee, MI 49660	Accounting, Commerce, Education, Enrollment, Family Services, Grants, Human Resources, Members Assistance, Ogema's Office, Public Affairs, Purchasing, Tax Department, Tribal Council Office, Tribal Historic Preservation,
Health Clinic 2608 Government Center Drive – Manistee, MI 49660	Clinic, Contract Health, Contract Health Representatives Ph: (231)723-8299 or Toll Free 1-888-382-8299 Fax: (231) 398-6605
Human Resources 2608 Government Center Drive – Manistee, MI 49660	Ph: (231)723-8288 Toll Free 1-888-723-8288 Fax (398) 398-9101 Job Hotline 1-866-556-5660
Justice Center 3031 Domres Rd. Manistee, MI 49660	Tribal Court Ph:(231) 398-3406 Fax:(231) 398-3404, Public Safety Ph: (231) 398-3413 Fax:(231) 398-3405 <i>Emergency Dispatch - 911</i> Peace Making and Probation Members Legal Assistance Office Prosecuting Attorney Office
Language Hotline	Ph: 1-877-789-0993
Little River Casino Resort 2700 Orchard Hwy. Manistee, MI 49660	Ph: (231) 723-1535 Toll Free 1-888-568-2244
Muskegon Office 1101 West Hackley Muskegon, MI 49441	Family Services, Education Department *Note- Other services to be provided from this location and is posted in Currents and Rapid River News. Ph: (231) 398-6651 Fax: (231) 398-6655
Natural Resources 310 9 th Street Manistee, MI 49660	Natural Resources Department Ph: (231) 723-1594 Fax: (231) 723-8873 Maintenance Department
Trading Post – Front Counter 2596 Loon Dr. Manistee, MI 49660	Ph: (231) 398-2274 Fax: (231) 398-3279
Utilities / Wastewater Plant Physical - 2539 Dontz Rd. Manistee, MI 49660 Mailing – 2608 Government Center Drive Manistee, MI 49660	Ph: (231) 398-2299 Fax: (231) 723-2321 After Hours: (231) 690-3511, (231) 690-7156, (231) 510-6537, (231) 510-6529

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The Tribal Government of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has three co-equal branches. Each has its own responsibilities. This chart was created to help you understand what each branch does within our government.

Ogema Larry Romanelli



**Commission/Committee Schedules:

Commissions: Binojeeuk Commission: 1:00 p.m., 1st and 3rd Thursdays – Aki Community Center

Commerce Commission: 5:00p.m., 1st Thursday of each month – Commerce Conference Room

Enrollment Commission: 5:30 p.m., 2nd Tuesday of each month – Government Center-1West

Gaming Commission: 5:30 p.m., every Tuesday (1st 4 Tuesdays of a month) –Gaming Commission Office

Health Commission: 5:30 p.m., 1st Tuesday – Health Clinic

Housing Commission: 9:00 a.m., 1st and 3rd Thursdays –Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

Natural Resource Commission: 4:00 p.m., 1st and 3rd Tuesdays – Natural Resource Department *Special or Emergency Meetings do not appear but may be scheduled.

Committees: Elders – 12:00 noon, 1st Saturday of each month – Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

Warrior Society 10:00 am. -1st Saturday of ea. Month at Aki Community Center

Election Board
The Tribal Election Board is an independently elected body and does not fall under a branch of the government. The Election Board meets at different times and have offices at the Government Center. They may be reached at 231.398.6709.

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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Committee/Commission Members and Terms

Elders Committee

Ron Pete - Chair
Rita Gale
Connie Waitner
Vacant
Darleen Martin

Liaisons – Ron Wittenberg
Virgil Johnson
Marty Wabindato

Commerce Commission

Vacant 09/20/15
Jason Cross 09/20/17
Vacant 09/20/17
Peggy Vriesman - Sec 09/20/15
Karen Lewis - Chair 09/20/15

Liaisons - Gary DiPiazza
Virgil Johnson

Gaming Commission

Lee Ivinson 09/20/19
Dave Corey - Chair 09/20/19
Vacant 09/20/17
Vacant 09/20/17
Deb Davis 09/20/15

Liaisons - Joe Riley, II
Frankie Medacco

Housing Commission

Judy Hardenburgh - Sec 09/20/17
Karen Love 09/20/17
Julia Chapman - Chair 09/20/17
Jamie Friedel 09/20/18
Marcella Leusby 09/20/18

Liaisons – Sandra Lewis

Warrior Society

Commander – John Shano
Vice Commander – Open Seat
Secretary - Virgil Johnson
Treasurer – Open Seat
Sargent of Arms- Chuck Nelson
Chaplin – Delano Peters

NCAI

L. Romanelli - Delegate
F. Meddaco – Alternate
J. Burger – Alternate
S. Crampton - Alternate

NIGA

L. Romanelli – Delegate
J. Riley II – Alternate
F. Meddaco - Alternate
S. Lewis - Alternate

United Tribes of MI

L. Romanelli – Delegate
V. Johnson – Alternate
G. DiPiazza - Alternate
R. Wittenburg - Alternate

Little River Casino Resort Board of Directors

Seat #1 Joe Riley II	Term of Ogema Office
Seat #2 Vacant	2 yr. term
Seat #3 Gary Tyler	Term began 8/11 – 4 yr. term
Seat #4 Elaine Porter	Term began 10/14 – 4 yr. term
Seat #5 Vacant	Term begins 3/14 – 4 yr. term
Seat #6 Linda Andre	Term began 11/14 – 4 yr. term
Seat #7 Robert Guenthardt	Term begins 9/14 – 4 yr. term

Binojeeuk Commission

Vacant 09/20/17
Vacant 09/20/15
Vacant 09/20/15
Margery Lutz - Chair 09/20/17
Sandy DeVerney 09/20/15

Liaisons – Frankie Medacco
Marty Wabindato

Enrollment Commission

Peggy Derouin 09/20/17
Diana O’Neal - Chair 09/20/17
Charmaine Stone - Sec 09/20/17

Liaisons – Ron Wittenberg
Sandra Lewis
Joe Riley, II

Health Commission

Diane Lonn 09/20/17
Pamela Johnson - Chair 09/20/17
Al Patricio 09/20/15

Liaisons – Sandra Lewis
Jessica Burger

Natural Resource Commission

Mike Burmeister 09/20/15
Connie Eno 09/20/17
Vacant 09/20/17
John Koon 09/20/15
David Schultz 09/20/17

Liaisons – Gary DiPiazza

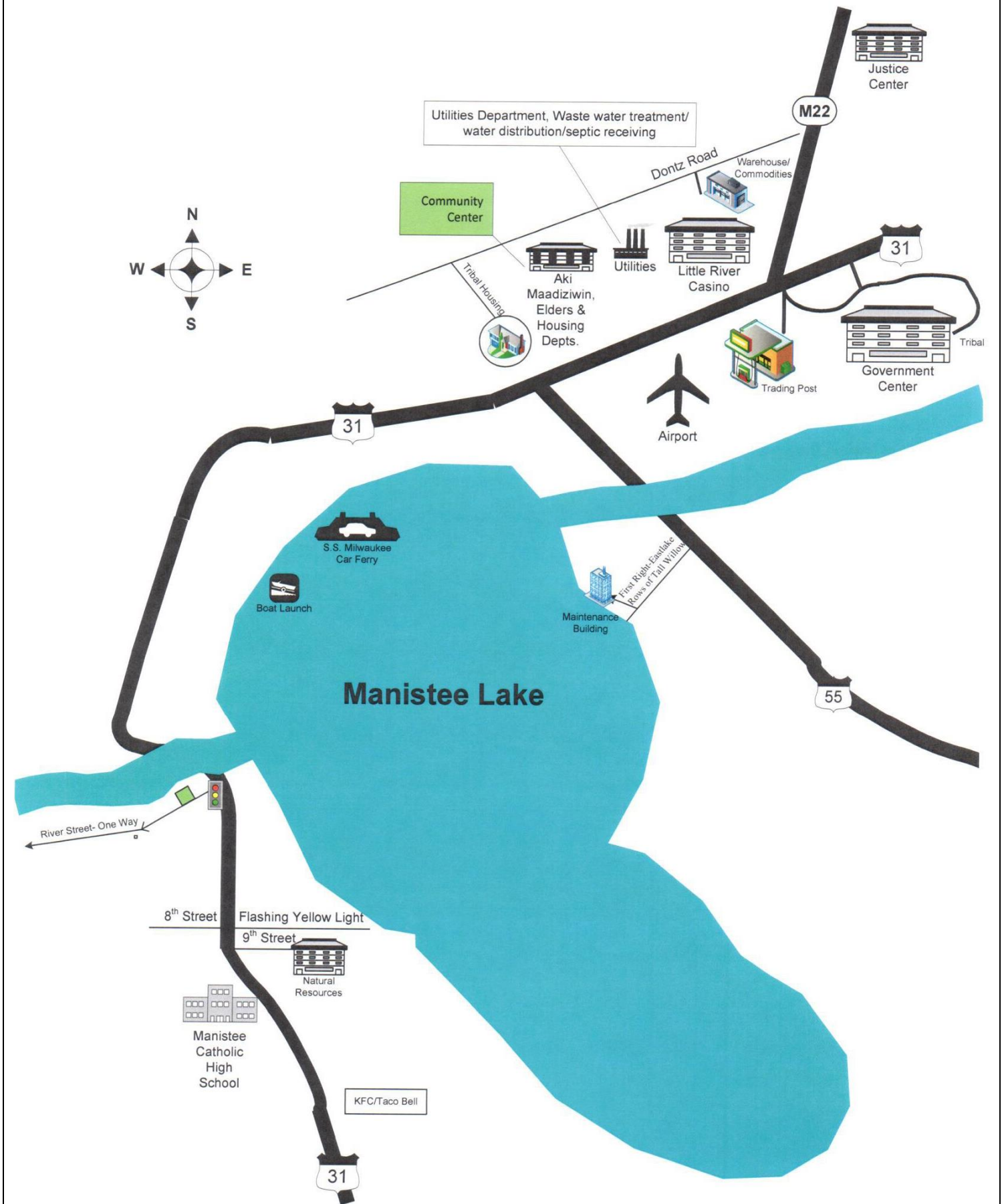
Federal Legislative Liaisons

J. Burger, S. Crampton

State Legislative Liaisons

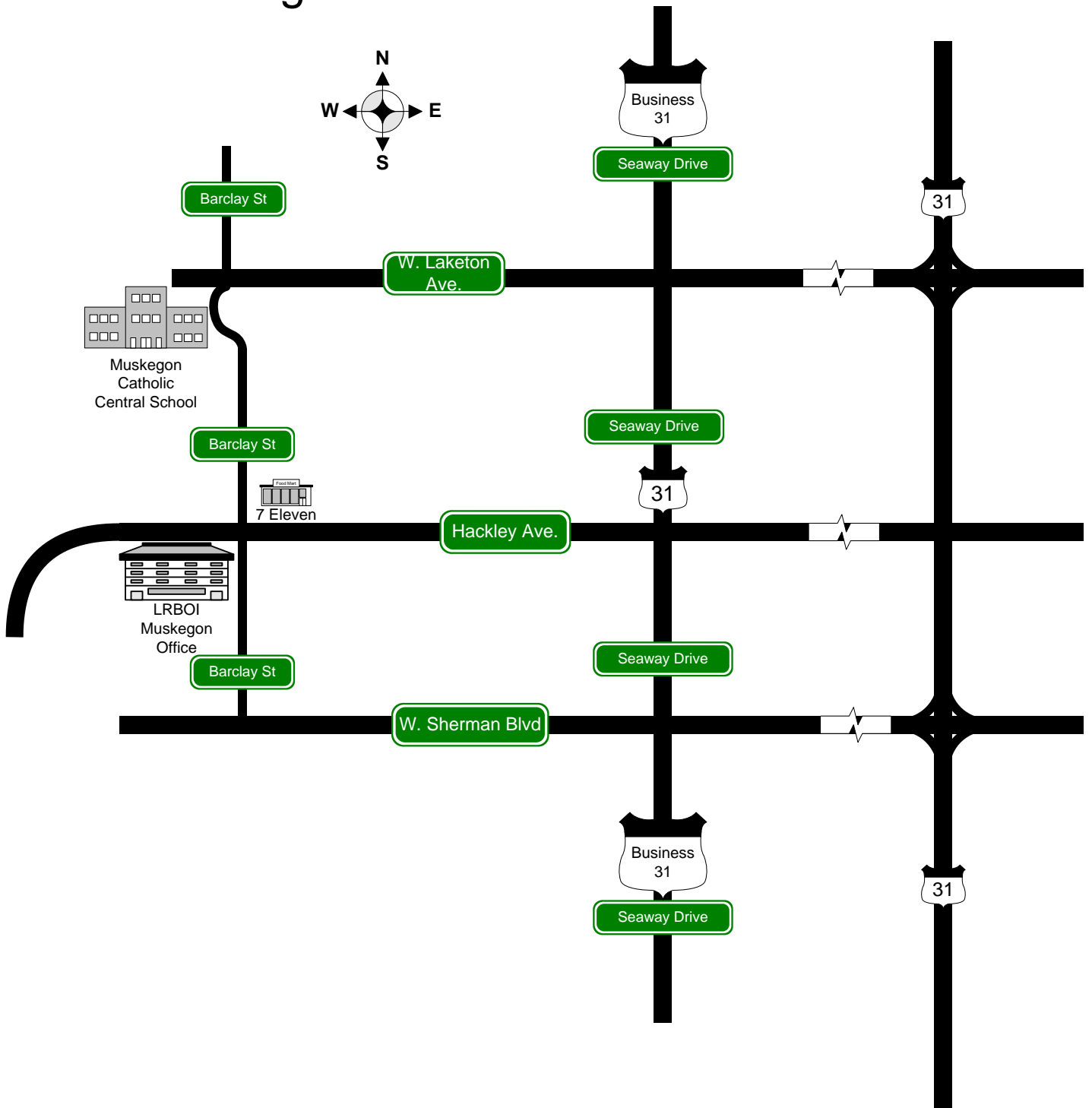
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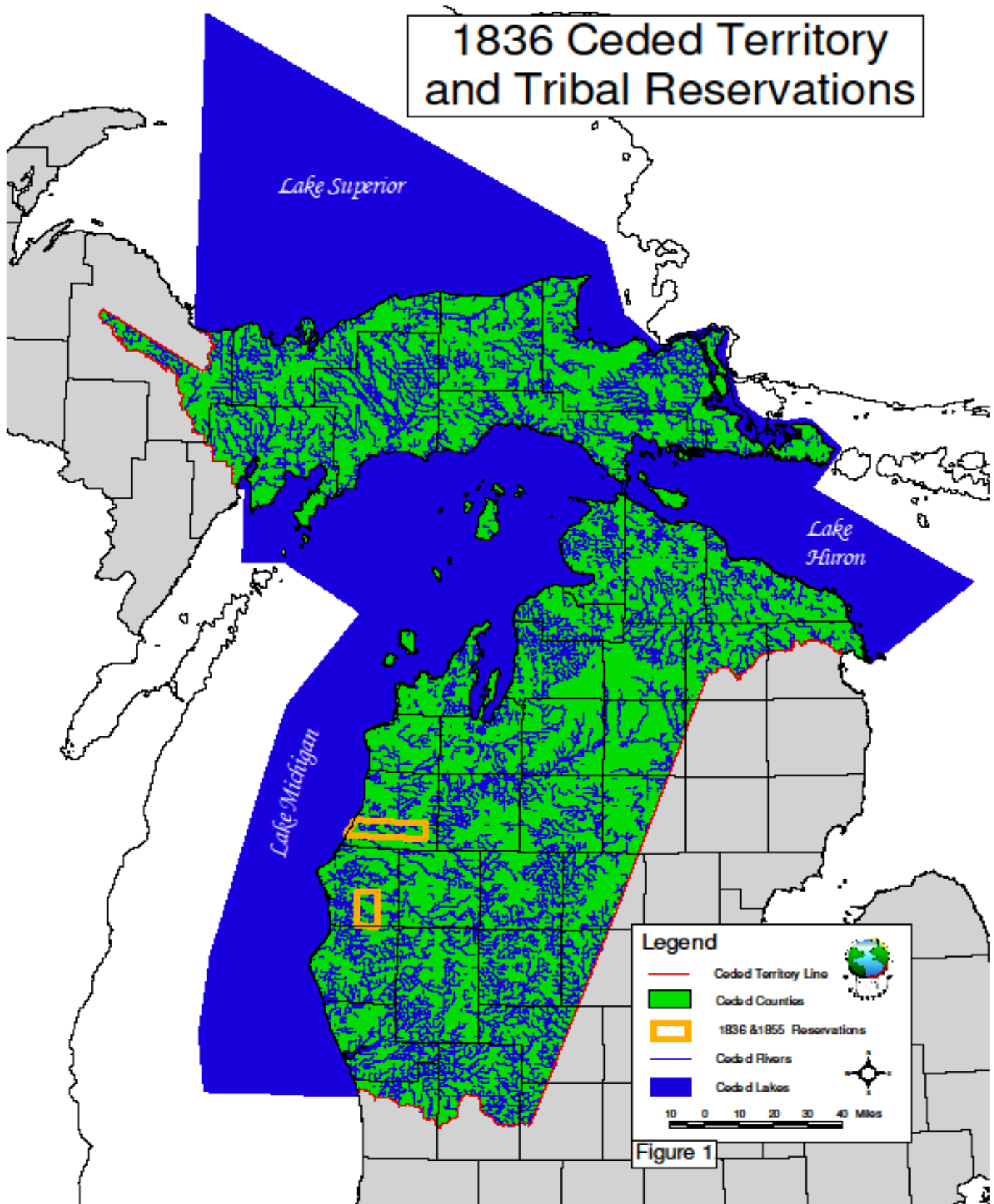


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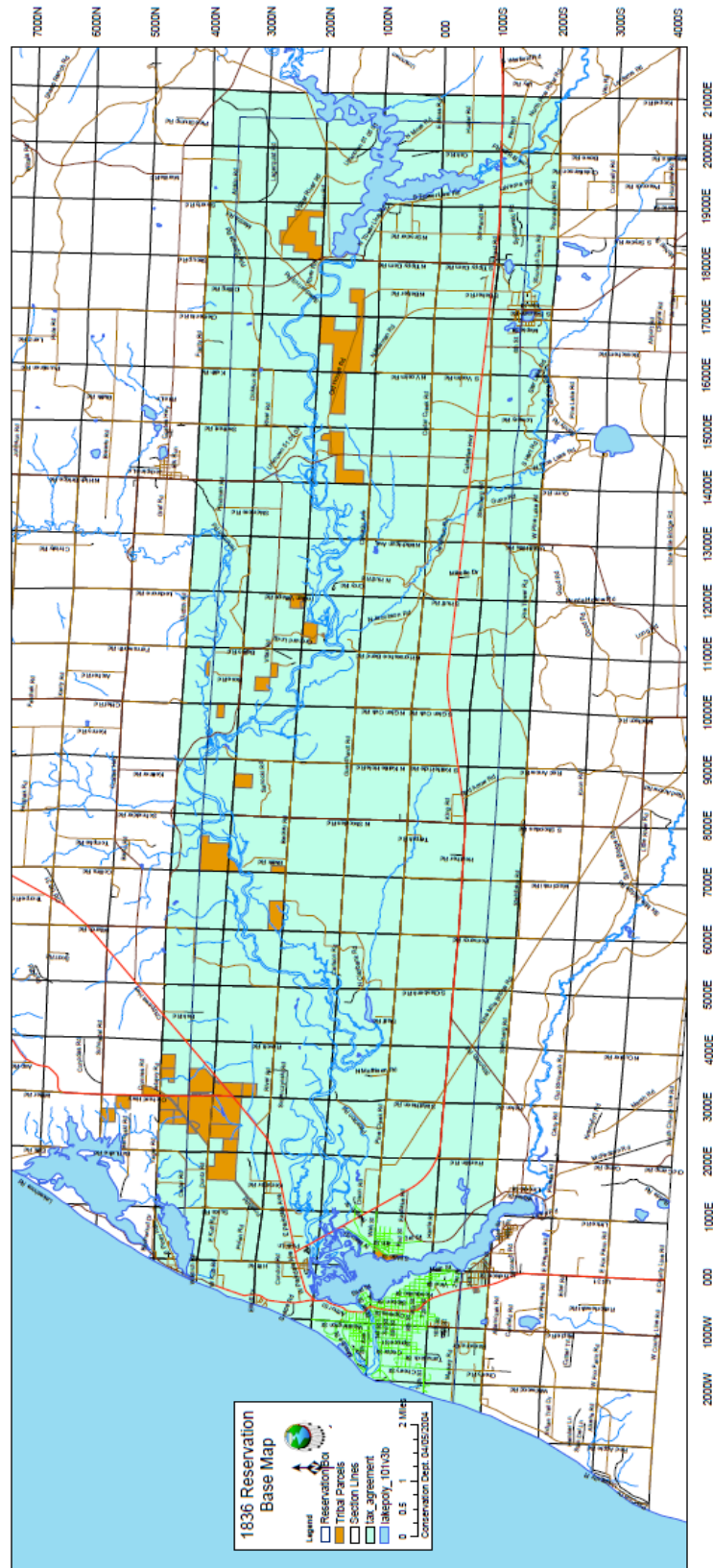
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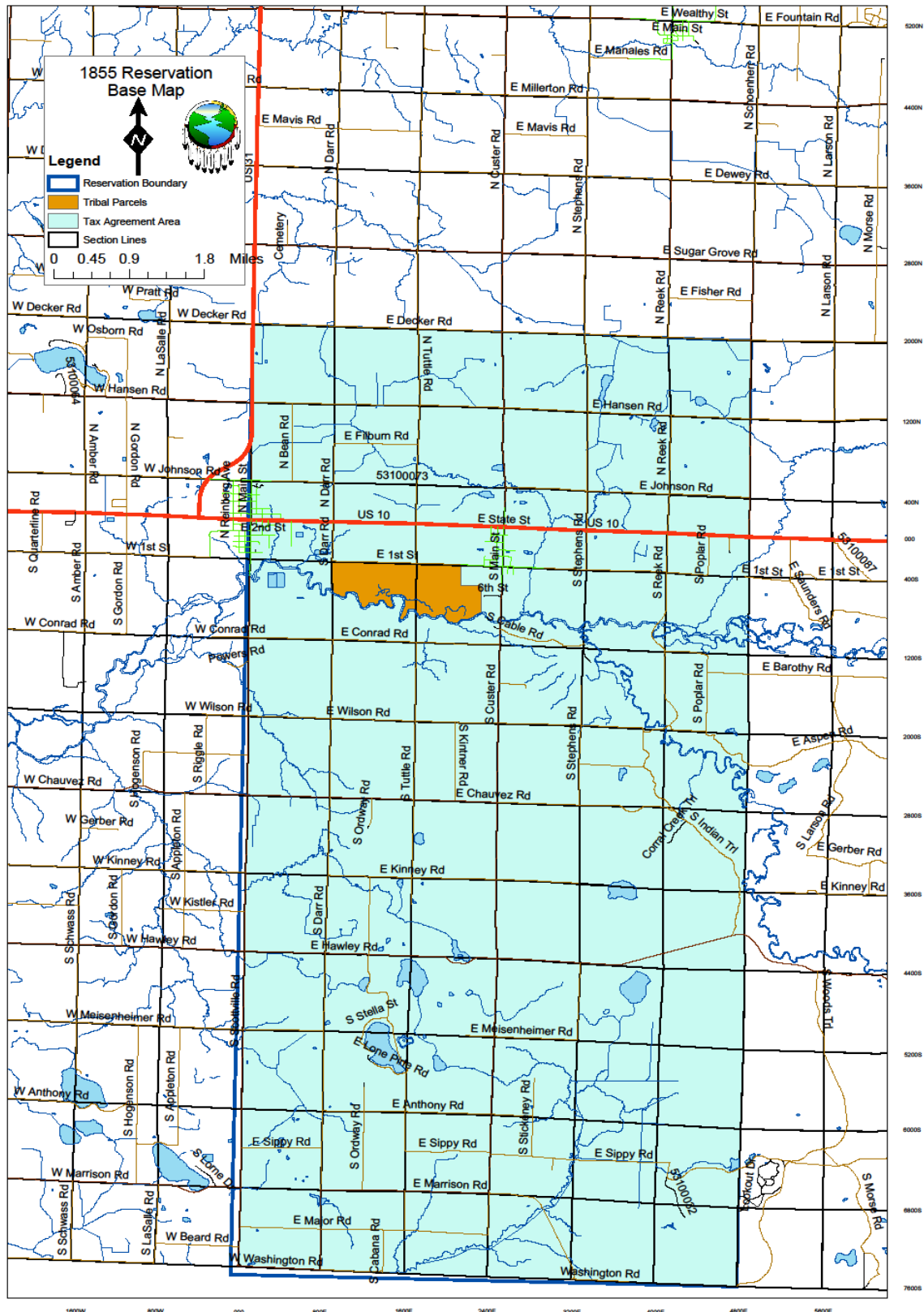
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<p>Health Clinic Contract Health Services</p> <p>Ph: (231)723-8299 or Toll Free 1-888-382-8299 Fax: (231) 398-6605</p> <p>Location: Government Center</p> <p>Health Clinic- located at the North entrance.</p> <p>LRBOI Fitness Center – located on lower level of Government Center</p>	<p><i>Mission Statement</i> <i>“In the spirit and memory of all our relations who walked before us; We the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Health Services are dedicated toward a healthy community. A community in which all of its members enjoy and benefit from the gifts of medicine provided by the Creator. To help us be better human beings. MenoMushkeke “Good Medicine” that incorporates the integration of Western Medicine with Traditional Indian Medicine. It is the mission of Health Services to further advance the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians community to:</i></p> <p><i>An Improved Quality Of Life</i> <i>An Improved Health Status</i> <i>An Increased Life Expectancy</i></p> <p><i>Gdinwindaaganannik</i> <i>All our Relations”</i></p> <p>Family Physician, Medical Services, Community Health Resource, Diabetic Education, Health Nursing (Limited Health Benefit Programs) Contract Health Services (CHS) for the 9 county service areas Extended Health Assistance Program (EHAP) for outside the 9 county service area</p> <p>LRBOI Fitness Center Located on lower level of Government Center Open to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all Tribal Members and descendants • all Government Employees and family members • all Casino Employees and family members <p>Open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. <p>For more information: Call Raven Lewis at extension 6636 E-mail to rlewis@lrboi-nsn.gov</p>
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<p>Be-Da-Bin</p> <p>Ph: (231) 723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288</p> <p>Location: Government Center Health Clinic</p>	<p><i>Mission Statement:</i></p> <p><i>“The mission of Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health is to create and maintain a Substance Abuse and Mental Health program for the healing of our Anishinaabek community that embraces the spiritual, emotional, physical, and mental wellness of all we serve. We are committed to path finding a healthier way of life for the Anishinaabek family by providing prevention education, therapy, and aftercare, in order to help our people identify the twelve path markers in their search for sobriety and to develop balance in their emotional health.”</i></p>	
	<p>Substance Abuse Services - Outpatient Traditionally Based Treatment with a Cultural Focus Screening and Assessment Diagnostic Impressions Individual Therapy Aftercare Psychological and Physical Effects of Alcohol Group Therapy Educational Presentations Three Fires Teachings Relapse Prevention</p>	<p>Prevention Services Preadolescent and adolescent Abstinence and Prevention Interventions School Outreach Prevention Activities Educational Presentations Three Fires Teachings for Healing Cultural and Traditional Activities Group Sessions</p> <p>Mental Health Services - Outpatient Traditionally Based Treatment with a Cultural Focus Screening, Assessment, and Diagnosis Individual Adult Therapy Group Therapy Didactic Presentations on Mental Health Issues Stress Reduction Techniques Three Fires Teachings Trauma Therapy for Adults and Children</p>

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<p>Family Services</p> <p>Ph: (231) 723-8288 or Toll Free 888-273-8288</p> <p>Intake Ext. 6707</p> <p>Locations: Government Center Muskegon Office</p>	<p><u>Mission Statement:</u></p> <p><i>“The Family Services Department purpose is to provide membership with services designed to assist in the development of self-sufficiency and the improvement of the quality of the life while respecting the individual need of members.”</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="464 489 1555 789"> <tr> <th colspan="2">Programs and Services</th></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="464 531 1049 789"> <p>Services</p> <p>Individual and Family Self-Sufficiency Education and Assistance Family Counseling Family Violence Prevention Notary Services</p> </td><td data-bbox="1049 531 1555 789"> <p>Indian Child Welfare Intervention & Reunification Elder Services Positive Indian Parenting Programs Family Violence Protection, Education, Advocacy and Consulting</p> </td></tr> </table>	Programs and Services		<p>Services</p> <p>Individual and Family Self-Sufficiency Education and Assistance Family Counseling Family Violence Prevention Notary Services</p>	<p>Indian Child Welfare Intervention & Reunification Elder Services Positive Indian Parenting Programs Family Violence Protection, Education, Advocacy and Consulting</p>
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<p>Gaming Commission Ph: (231) 723-7755 or Toll Free 888-540-7084 Fax: (231) 723-7788</p> <p>Anonymous and Confidential Tip Hotline: *(866) 398-2210 Note* Use 9 digit number listed.</p> <p>Location: Interim Casino</p>	<p>Mission Statement:</p> <p>The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Gaming Commission was established by Tribal Council under the Gaming Ordinance #10-400-10 and Gaming Commission Ordinance #04-400-04. The Gaming Commission consists of five (5) Commissioners and a comprehensive staff established to ensure the integrity, honesty and fairness of all gaming activities conducted on the Tribe’s reservation and that such gaming activities be conducted in conformance with the Tribal-State Compact, Gaming Ordinance, Gaming Commission Ordinance, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, all applicable Federal, State and Tribal laws, and any regulations promulgated by the Gaming Commission.</p> <p>No one has a greater interest in protecting the integrity of Tribal gaming than Indian governments. This is the most precious economic resource they have had since before the colonists arrived. As a result, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, like other governments, is the primary regulator of gaming on its reservation, placing highest priority on protecting Tribal assets, ensuring the integrity of gaming and assuring a safe, secure, and healthy recreational and work environment for customers and employees.</p>				

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<p>Public Safety</p> <p>Ph: (231) 398-2225 or (231) 398-3413 Fax: (231) 398-3405</p> <p>911 Dispatched</p> <p>Location: Justice Center</p>	<p>MISSION STATEMENT:</p> <p><i>To provide a safe environment for our citizens, protect Tribal sovereignty and preserve natural resources. We shall promote partnerships and uphold the rights of all people.</i></p> <p>VALUE STATEMENTS:</p> <p>Integrity – doing what is right when no one else is aware Respect – treat others as you would like to be treated Courage – to go where others cannot or will not go in the face of adversity Honesty – being truthful regardless of the outcome Pride – commitment to excellence and professionalism</p> <p>The Public Safety Department at LRBOI provides many services to its members and the community. We are a full service organization which is responsible for all law enforcement duties. The department has several specialty units aside from the regular patrol responsibilities. We have a K-9 unit; this officer and K-9 are trained to perform drug searches and tracking techniques to serve its members and other law enforcement agencies. We have a detective unit, which conducts investigations on tribal law and federal law violations and a Conservation Enforcement branch for Great Lakes and Inland. These are just a few of the units that are here to help serve the membership and protect the interests of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.</p>			
<p>Education</p> <p>Ph: (231) 723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288</p> <p>Location: Government Center</p> <p>Youth Programs available at Muskegon Office</p>	<p>Mission Statement:</p> <p><i>“The Education Department strives to encourage academic excellence in the Tribe's Youth, and to provide opportunities and encouragement for Tribal members to further their education through adult, vocational, and higher education programs.”</i></p>			
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<p>Commodities</p> <p>Ph: (231) 723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288</p> <p>Location: Casino Warehouse - Dontz Road</p>	<p>Mission Statement:</p> <p><i>Our mission is to provide commodity food to low income Native American households living on and off the reservations.</i></p> <p>USDA Commodities Distribution - The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) provides a variety of Commodity Foods to low-income households living on or near Indian reservations.</p>			

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<p>Members Assistance</p> <p>Ph: (231) 723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288</p> <p>Location: Government Center</p> <p>Elder Meal Program location: Aki Maadiziwin Community Building</p> <p>Elder Meal Program Ext 6886</p>	<p><i>Mission Statement</i></p> <p><i>“To strengthen and secure maximum independence for individuals and family members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by providing assistance services that meet the needs of the community.”</i></p> <p><i>Vision</i></p> <p><i>“Meeting the needs of our community and empowering our members through accessible and responsive services to promote self-sufficiency, quality of life, health status and wellbeing.”</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="464 573 1554 1098"> <tr> <th colspan="2">Program and Services</th></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="464 625 1049 1098"> <p>Tribally Funded Assistance Programs (Available Nation Wide) Low Income Energy Assistance Food Assistance Rental & Mortgage Assistance Elder Chore Services Program Emergency Transportation Home Repair Program Home Budget Planning Referral Services available Program availability based on approved annual budget</p> </td><td data-bbox="1049 625 1554 1098"> <p>Grant Funded Programs available to 9 County Service Areas LIHEAP Heating & Cooling Assistance IHS Well and Septic Program Title VI Elder Meal Program BIA Home Improvement Program</p> <p>Program availability based on funding award</p> </td></tr> </table>	Program and Services		<p>Tribally Funded Assistance Programs (Available Nation Wide) Low Income Energy Assistance Food Assistance Rental & Mortgage Assistance Elder Chore Services Program Emergency Transportation Home Repair Program Home Budget Planning Referral Services available Program availability based on approved annual budget</p>	<p>Grant Funded Programs available to 9 County Service Areas LIHEAP Heating & Cooling Assistance IHS Well and Septic Program Title VI Elder Meal Program BIA Home Improvement Program</p> <p>Program availability based on funding award</p>
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<p>Housing Location: Aki Maadiziwin Community Center</p> <p>Mailing address: 2608 Government Center Drive Ph:231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288</p>	<p><i>Mission Statement</i> <i>“To promote affordable housing opportunities for all Little River Band Tribal Members.”</i></p> <p>Low-income Elder Designated Rental Housing at Aki Maadiziwin Section 184 Indian Home Loan Assistance Low-income Elder Designated ADA Rental Housing at Aki Maadiziwin Lot Lease and Leasehold Mortgage Program (Lots at Aki Maadiziwin) Low-income Family Rental Housing at Aki Maadiziwin Home Ownership Initiative-Program-based on funding availability each year. Low-income Family ADA Rental Housing at Aki Maadiziwin Development of Income Based and Fair Market Rental Housing at Aki Fair Market Rental Housing at Aki maadiziwin Administration and Management of Department’s Rental Housing Fair Market Rental Housing in Manistee, MI Maintenance of Housing Department Rental Units Short Term Low-income Rental Housing in Manistee, MI</p>																
<p>Members Legal Assistance</p> <p>Ph: (231) 723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288</p> <p>Location: Justice Center</p>	<p>General Information: The Attorney cannot appear in court with a Tribal member or assist with issues that involve the Tribe, but can assist with providing legal guidance and drafting of documents. The Attorney can represent Tribal Elders in tribal court in civil matters that do not involve the tribe. Reminder: If you are served with a Summons and Complaint contact the Attorney IMMEDIATELY.</p> <p>Legal Advice that includes but is not limited to the following:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Estate Planning</td><td>Preparation of Trusts</td></tr> <tr> <td>Durable Power of Attorneys</td><td>Medical Power of Attorneys</td></tr> <tr> <td>Criminal Matters</td><td>Landlord/Tenant Matters</td></tr> <tr> <td>Divorce/Custody Support</td><td>Paternity, Birth Certificates</td></tr> <tr> <td>Guardianships & Conservatorships</td><td>DNA Testing</td></tr> <tr> <td>Wills</td><td>Real Estate</td></tr> <tr> <td>Civil Matters</td><td>General Legal Advice</td></tr> <tr> <td>Probate of Estate</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Estate Planning	Preparation of Trusts	Durable Power of Attorneys	Medical Power of Attorneys	Criminal Matters	Landlord/Tenant Matters	Divorce/Custody Support	Paternity, Birth Certificates	Guardianships & Conservatorships	DNA Testing	Wills	Real Estate	Civil Matters	General Legal Advice	Probate of Estate	
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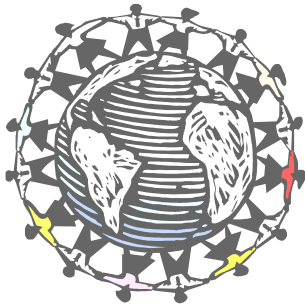
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<p>Natural Resources</p> <p>Ph: (231) 723-1594 Toll Free 888-723-8288 Fax: (231) 723-8873</p> <p>Location: “Big Blue” 159 Brickyard Rd. (see map) Natural Resources off M55</p>	<p><i>Mission Statement</i></p> <p><i>“The mission of the Natural Resource Department is to maintain the cultural, spiritual and physical existence of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by protecting, preserving and when necessary, enhancing the naturally occurring resources within the Tribe's 1836 Ceded Territory.”</i></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> Fishing Permit (as needed) Sleeping Bear Dunes Lifetime pass Eagle Parts Request Application Special Use Permit Camping Permits Commercial Fishing License Current Rules and Regulation Trespass Permit (non-member) </td><td style="vertical-align: top;"> Deer Hunting Tags Turkey Hunting Tags USFS Recreation Pass USFS Firewood Gathering Permit Disabled Hunter Permits Annual Black Bear and Elk Lotteries Gathering Permits Great Lakes Assessment Distribution Traditional Medicine Plants </td></tr> </table>	Fishing Permit (as needed) Sleeping Bear Dunes Lifetime pass Eagle Parts Request Application Special Use Permit Camping Permits Commercial Fishing License Current Rules and Regulation Trespass Permit (non-member)	Deer Hunting Tags Turkey Hunting Tags USFS Recreation Pass USFS Firewood Gathering Permit Disabled Hunter Permits Annual Black Bear and Elk Lotteries Gathering Permits Great Lakes Assessment Distribution Traditional Medicine Plants
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<p>Utilities Waste Water Treatment Facility</p> <p>Ph: (231) 398-2299 Fax: (231) 723-2321</p> <p>After Hours: (231) 510-6537, 510-6529, 690-3511, 690-7156</p> <p>Location: Dontz Road</p>	<p><i>Our Mission Statement</i></p> <p><i>“...to identify the requirements of our customers & earn their respect by; communicating openly, clearly, courteously, and promptly to any issues that may arise while utilizing our services.</i></p> <p><i>...to exercise our sovereign powers by, providing excellent quality water & sanitation services in accordance with LRB Utility Ordinance, the U.S. Safe Drinking Water Act, & other applicable laws that are beneficial to the safety of the Citizens of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians & Patrons utilizing our facilities.”</i></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> Services Potable Water Distribution Waste Water Collection and Treatment Bio-solids Management </td><td style="vertical-align: top;"> Septic Receiving Station EPA certified Total Coli-form E-coli testing laboratory Water/Sewer Billing </td></tr> </table>	Services Potable Water Distribution Waste Water Collection and Treatment Bio-solids Management	Septic Receiving Station EPA certified Total Coli-form E-coli testing laboratory Water/Sewer Billing
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<p>Public Affairs</p> <p>Ph: (231) 723-8288 Toll Free 888-723-8288</p> <p>Location: Government Center</p>	<p><i>The Office of Public Affairs is an informational conduit between tribal members, their government and the larger outside community. The Department will increase tribal visibility and enhance the tribal image by supporting participation in civic organizations, community events, educational opportunities and charitable events. The Department will also foster improved Public Relations between the tribe and the outside community.</i></p> <p>The Office of Public Affairs consists of two staff members...the Director and an Administrative Assistant who works in support of the department. In addition to many assigned public relations activities, the department is responsible for covering tribal events and publication of the Currents newspaper, Rapid River News (weekly headline news service), press releases/relations, event organization and other activities as directed by the Office of the Ogema under whose authority the department falls by the Laws of the Constitution of the tribe. A key duty of Public Affairs is working with all other departments and business endeavors regarding interaction with outside media. The Office of Public Affairs is</p>		

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	<p>responsible for controlling and disseminating information to the outside media in such a fashion as to minimize any adverse publicity and enhance the image of the tribe.</p> <p>The Department Director has also been designated as the Public Information Officer (PIO) for the Public Safety Department and handles media relations/incidents for them as well. In addition, the Director and staff handle non-commercial (i.e. emergency/incident) media relations for the Little River Casino and Resort for newsworthy items and events not including normal casino operations.</p>
<p>Human Resources</p> <p>Ph: (231) 723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288</p> <p>Location: Government Center</p> <p>Job Hotline 1-866-556-5660</p>	<p><i>Our overall HR Philosophy is “One Vision, One Direction, One Voice”. Our Mission: To build partnerships with employees at all levels to create a culture that values all employees by enhancing their work careers through effective training, communication and services.</i></p> <p>Our key HR services are Workforce planning, Recruitment and Development, Compensation and Benefits, Employee Relations, Education & Training, Consultation and Interpretation of Policies and Procedures, Wellness Promotion and Participation, Career Planning., Occupational Safety, Health and Security support, and Leadership and Organizational Development.</p> <p>The key to the success of LRBOI and its Human Capital is the promotion of Tribal sovereignty through Tribal preference to insure future generational partnerships in the preservation of jobs and Tribal Culture.</p>
<p>Historic Preservation</p> <p>Ph: (231) 723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288</p> <p>Fax (231) 723-3814</p> <p>Location: Government Center</p>	<p><i>Mission Statement:</i></p> <p><i>“The Tribal Historic Preservation Department's mission is to preserve the Tribe's cultural heritage as a living part of the current time by preserving not only the historic properties but also the Tribe's language, traditions and cultural life.”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Historic Preservation [NHPA §106 compliance consultation; HPO] 2. NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act) Issues [repatriations, reburials, site visits with inadvertent discoveries, related consultations] 3. Language Program -Classes at office; Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp; assist with vocabulary to other Tribal agencies/departments et al 4. Cultural Activities (for preservation of the culture) Goongnebig, Jiingtamok, spring & fall fires/ceremonies 5. Archives -Records and other items owned by Little River Band of Ottawa Indians as a collection, photo “capture” from/for citizens 6. Cultural education -presentations to area schools/organizations, small display in office 7. Video & Audio recording of events and Video Productions for the department and other Tribal entities -elder interviews, portraits, archiving of videos, etc.

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<p>Grants Department</p> <p>Ph: (231) 723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288</p> <p>Location: Government Center</p>	<p><i>“Our mission is to further the Tribe's access to public and private sector grant resources to help address Tribal goals and priorities, thereby providing more flexibility for the allocation of limited Tribal revenues.”</i></p> <p>Grants are an important resource for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and will likely continue to be important for many years. Grant funding is what sustained the Federal Reaffirmation effort in the early 1990's and enabled the Tribe to begin to develop its governmental infrastructure and services until the casino gaming enterprise opened in 1999.</p> <p>The Grants Department's primary goals are to secure funding that will help to further the efforts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a stronger Tribal community, • Address the socio-economic needs of Tribal families, • Improve the Tribe's governmental infrastructure, and to • Protect and preserve its cultural and natural resources. 	
<p>Peacemaking/ Probation</p> <p>Ph: (231) 723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288</p> <p>Location: Justice Center</p>	<p>Peacemaking Service Probation Indian Village Camp Pre-Sentence Investigations</p>	<p>Alternative Dispute Resolution Probation Supervision of adults and youth At-risk Youth Camp; intervention and diversion Program Case Investigating and Sentence Recommendations</p>
<p>Commerce & WorkForce Development</p> <p>Ph: (231) 723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288</p> <p>Location: Government Center</p>	<p>Mission Statement</p> <p><i>“To promote, assist and foster economic development opportunities of the Tribe and its Citizenry.”</i></p> <p>Programs</p> <p>Small Business Loan Program Tribal Owned Economic Development Tribal Member Owned Economic Development Tribal Title Office Workforce Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intern Program • Development& Training Program • Career Assistance Voucher • Employment Daycare Assistance • Adult (18+) Work Experience/Employment Program • Youth (16-17) Work Experience/Employment Program • GED/Adult Education Completion Voucher • Vocational Assistance Award • Summer College Stipend 	

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<p>Planning Department</p> <p>Ph: (231) 723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288</p> <p>Location: Government Center</p>	<p>Mission Statement</p> <p>To improve the Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians infrastructure so as to increase our capacity to identify, plan and administer social, economic and cultural programs and otherwise address the short and long term needs of the Tribe and its citizens. Ensure safe housing through the office of the Building Official. Responsible for Community Planning, master plan development, comprehensive, natural resources, and redevelopment planning; ordinance development; plan implementation strategies; and the design and facilitation of related public participation programs. Manage the LRBOI Tribal Roads Program and Renewable Energy initiatives.</p> <p>Planning: Assist with internal planning from municipal water, waste water treatment, housing, utilities, land use planning, roads, tribal cemetery and more.</p> <p>Building Official: - issues building permits for housing, ensuring all inspections are passed, enforcement of building codes and issuing certificates of occupancy once all inspections are completed.</p> <p>Roads Program Management: The Planning Department at LRBOI provides many services to its members, Tribal Government and the community. The Department is responsible for transportation related issues through the BIA Indian Reservation Roads Program. Roads Program Management and coordination internally and externally BIA Roads, MDOT, FHWA, 10 B task force area of Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties, Grand Valley Metropolitan Council of Kent and Ottawa counties, Muskegon County, Mason County Roads Commissions, West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission of Muskegon and Northern Ottawa Counties. NWMCOG Planning for the ten county area of Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee and Wexford.</p> <p>Responsible for the creation of the tribe's Long Range Transportation Plans, Transportation Improvement Plans and tribal roads inventory. Work as liaison between local units of governments, MDOT, FHWA and county roads commissions within and beyond the ten county service areas.</p> <p>Other duties include: MACPRA alternate, TERT member, conduct wind study assessments, North West Michigan Council of Governments Planner Review and Advisory Committee Member</p>		
<p>Tax Office</p> <p>Ph: (231) 723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288</p> <p>Location: Government Center</p>	<p>Mission Statement</p> <p><i>“The mission of the Tax Department is to assist the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in exercising its sovereign right to tax business activity within its territorial jurisdiction. It also seeks to assist the Tribe and its members in obtaining exemption from state taxes where Tribal jurisdiction applies.”</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="472 1619 1547 1766"> <tr> <td data-bbox="472 1619 1052 1766">Tax-exempt Motor Fuel Program, Tribal Tax Licenses, Tribal Business Licenses</td><td data-bbox="1052 1619 1547 1766">Tribal Certificates of Exemption for Resident Tribal Members/Tribal Entities, Commercial and Subsistence Fishers</td></tr> </table>	Tax-exempt Motor Fuel Program, Tribal Tax Licenses, Tribal Business Licenses	Tribal Certificates of Exemption for Resident Tribal Members/Tribal Entities, Commercial and Subsistence Fishers
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Tax Office Information and Program

Tax-Exempt Quotas

Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.

Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 25 packs per Tribal member.

The Tax Office has received several calls lately from Tribal members that are not familiar with “Resident Tribal Member” status and the state tax exemptions for Resident Tribal Members that were negotiated in the *Tax Agreement between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan*. The following information was published in 2004 when the tax agreement was being implemented. It is being repeated here for the benefit of new members and as a reminder for others.

HOW TO BECOME A RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBER

To become a Resident Tribal Member, a Little River Band Tribal Member must live within the Tax Agreement Area (See-**Tax Agreement Area**) AND be registered with the Tax Office. The tax office maintains a list of Resident Tribal Members based on their physical address of record. Tribal members moving to an address within the Tax Agreement Area must present two documents, in addition to their Tribal ID, to prove their physical address to the Enrollment Office or the Tax Office. Acceptable documents include: Michigan driver’s license, Michigan voter registration, Michigan identification card, current utility bill, rent or lease contract, Michigan DHS or social security mail or records, school records (for dependents), post office address records, or certain other received mail. On the 15th of every month, the Tribe sends name and address changes, obtained from the Enrollment Office, to the State of Michigan. Resident Tribal Member status takes effect on the 1st day of the following month. If you have any questions about your specific location and if it falls within the Tax Agreement Area, contact the tax office at 231-723-8288 Ext. 6874.

Tax Agreement Area

The tax agreement between the State of Michigan and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians defines a “Resident Tribal Member” as a Tribal Member whose principal place of residence is located within the Agreement Area. The Agreement Area includes both the 1836 Reservation (Manistee Reservation) and the 1855 Reservation (Custer and Eden Townships in Mason County).

The Agreement Area per the tax agreement is:

The portion of Manistee County that includes;

Survey sections 24, 25, 35, and 36 in T22N, R17W; survey sections 19-36 in T22N, R16W; survey sections 19-36 in T22N, R15W; survey sections 19-36 in T22N, R14W; survey sections 19-21 and 28-33 in T22N, R13W; survey sections 1-3 and 10-15 in T21N, R17W; survey sections 1-18 in T21N, R16W; survey sections 1-18 in T21N, R15W; survey sections 1-18 in T21N, R14W; and survey sections 4-9 and 16-18 in T21N, R13W; and

- The portion of Mason County that includes:
T18N, R16W; and T17N, R16W.

Tax-Exempt Purchases for Resident Tribal Members

The implementation date for the Tax Agreement was April 1, 2004. Consistent with the Tax Agreement which recognized the Tribal tax exempt status of the Tribal government and Resident Tribal Members, the Tribe has chosen to authorize Tribal Members to use Tribal Certificates of Exemption for Sales and Use Tax for specific purchases listed below. A Tribal Certificate of Exemption must be presented to the vendor before purchasing the item. No refunds will be allowed for taxes on the purchase of the items covered by Tribal Certificates of Exemption. Certificates are available at the Tax Office located in the Government Center. Tax Office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 7 am to 3 pm.

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Items covered by the Tribal Certificate of Exemption:

- Motorized vehicles (cars, pick-up trucks, recreational vehicles, boats, motorcycles, snowmobiles)
- Modular or Mobile homes
- Construction materials for affixation to personal residence
- Tangible personal property for treaty fishing

The Tax Agreement requires that Resident Tribal Members follow certain procedures and file certain forms to receive the exemption. Information required before certificate can be filled out:

- Picture ID of Resident Tribal Member
- Vendor's Name
- Vendor's Address
- Detailed description of item being purchased
- Vehicle ID#, Year, Make and Model
- Modular or mobile home ID#, Year, Make, Model, Physical location within Tax Agreement Area
- Cost of item being purchased

State Income Tax Exemption for Resident Tribal Members

In the past, only Tribal Members that lived within "Indian Country" (principally trust land and land within the exterior boundaries of the reservation) and worked for the Tribe were exempted from Michigan income taxes under Federal law. Under the new Tax Agreement, which is done under the authority of State law, the State has expanded the scope of where a Tribal member can live and work and be exempt from Michigan income taxes. Tribal Members who **live within the Tax Agreement Area, and are registered with their Tribe as a Resident Tribal Member**, will be exempt from Michigan income taxes **regardless of where the Tribal member works**. If you are not sure if your address is within the Tax Agreement Area, call the tax office at 231-723-8288 ext. 6874.

If you have any questions about your residency status, tax-exempt purchases, or income tax exemption, please contact:

Tax Officer
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660
Ph: 231-723-8288 Ext. 6874

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Events to watch for:



Events are calendared in the Currents, Rapid River News and online at the LRBOI website

- Treaty Recognition Day - March 28th
- Reaffirmation Day - September 21st
- Annual Spring Membership Meeting
- Annual Fall Membership Meeting
- Annual Elders Conference
- Annual Jiingtamok/Pow-Wow
- Annual Language Camp/Anishinaabemowin
- Weekly Tribal Council Meetings
- Monthly Elders Committee Meetings 1st Saturday of the Month
- Monthly Warrior Society Meetings 1st Saturday of the Month
- Daily Elder Meals at Aki Community Center
- Muskegon Office Calendar of Events
- Weekly Tribal Council Calendar
- Weekly Tribal Council Agenda

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